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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 07/31/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is a response to the amendment and remarks/arguments filed on 07/31/2006 and 08/10/2006.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 07/31/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the U.S Patent 6,907,794 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The allowable Subject matter was indicated in office Action mailed on 04/06/2006.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: No prior art found by the examiner that suggested modification or combination with the cited art so as to satisfy the combination of all the limitations in claims 1, 4 and 6.

As claim 1, the prior art of record taken along or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious "... the light receiving fiber having L-shaped curved portions at each end; a shielding plate arranged between each of the L-shaped curved portions and the light emitting elements..." in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 1.

As claim 4, the prior art of record taken along or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious "... a light guiding plate attached to a chassis disposed outside the rotor... a shielding plate arranged between the light guiding plate and the light emitting element and optical high pass filters, each filter positioned between one end of the light guiding plate and a

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respective optical signal conversion unit.” in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 4.

As claim 6, the prior art of record taken along or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious “... a light guiding plate attached to a chassis disposed outside the rotor... a shielding plate arranged between the light guiding plate and the at least one light emitting element; at least one optical high pass filter, the at least one filter being positioned between one end of the light guiding plate and at least one optical signal conversion unit...” in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 6.

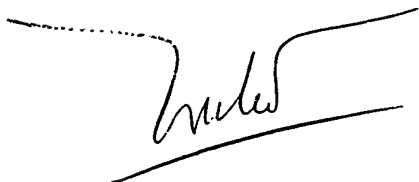
Fax/Telephone Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri T. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-9064. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2059. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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